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FOR PENCE AND NOVOTNY FAS/W FROM VINING

PITCHER AGATT PASS BENSON GPW

TOFAS 026

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: IRANIAN GRAIN AND RICE TEAM

1. AM FULLY AWARE OF DIVISION BETWEEN GREAT PLAINS AND WESTERN WHEAT ASSOCIATIONS. THIS FACTOR COMPLICATES VISIT BY IRANIANS BECAUSE OVER HALF IRANS WHEAT IMPORTS ARE WESTERN WHITE, THE BALANCE HRW. SEEMS LOGICAL THAT IRANIANS SHOULD VISIT BOTH PNW AND PLAINS AREA. THIS IDEA AROSE DURING MY CONVERSATION WITH DR. ALIZADEH, DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE WHO EXPRESSED THIS CONCERN.

2. ALSO THE SUBJECT OF VISITING THE RICE AREAS OF ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA AND TEXAS WAS MENTIONED. BECAUSE IRAN IS THE LARGEST SINGLE BUYER OF U.S. LONG GRAIN RICE, THIS MERITS THOUGHT AS TO HOW THIS COULD BE ARRANGED, BUT ONLY IF FAS/W CONCURS IN MY BELIEF.

3. TEAM SOULD COMPRISE FOUR PERSONS, INCLUDING DR. ALIZADEH AND SHOULD AIM FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1975. DR. ALIZADEH MAY NOT BE ABLE ACCOMPANY TEAM, DUE TO PRESS OF BUSINESS, BUT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GO.

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4. BEFORE WE GO FORTH WITH FORMAL INVITATION I MUST HAVE YOUR

THINKING RE PARA 1 AND 2.
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